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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether to guide in policy and investment decisions, the Government have constituted the 10th Plan Committee;

(b) if so, the details thereof; (

(c) the purview of the committee; and

(d) the extent to which it likely to help the betterment of I&B ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a), (b), (c), (d) : The Planning Commission has constituted a WorkingGroup on Information & Broadcasting Sector for the 10th Five Year Plan. The Working Group chaired by Secretary (I&B) comprises 17 othermembers including non-official experts in the field of mass media. The terms of reference of the Working Group are :

1) To evolve Approach to the Information & Boradcasting sector for the 10th Plan keeping in view the emerging trends in radio, television and IT enabled media applications.

2) To examine the extent to which expansion of transmission network is needed and the best way to provide the reach of radio and television signals to the uncovered areas.

3) To assess the total needs of investment in broadcasting infrastructure including that for content creation and software and to assesss the extent of private investment that may come forward in the 10th plan period and beyond and as to what steps should be taken to stimuate private investment.

4) To assess the human resources needed for the telecommunications, broadcasting, media, internet and IT and to suggest road map for making the same available.

5) To assess the status of the Film Industry and to suggest policy measures and other steps necessary to ensure production of good, socially relevant and aesthetically creative films.

6) To take a look at the needs of government publicity including ectoral publicity programmes and to re-assess institutional arrangements for bringing out Government publications, advertisements and media products.

The Working Group consists of experts drawn from the Informationand Broadcasting Sector and their recommendation would provide guidance for future policy and investement decisions and improved performance of this Sector.